

## House Resolution 702

By: Representatives Reece of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Cummings of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Loudermilk of the 14<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending local sports advocate and Rome-Floyd Sports Hall of Fame  
2 inductee, Jim Yarbrough; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as a four-sport letterman at Pepperell High School and an outstanding  
4 outfielder, Jim Yarbrough helped the Pepperell Dragons to two straight Class B State  
5 Baseball Championships and, with a .511 overall batting average, was voted into the 1953  
6 Georgia North-South All Star game where he served as a co-captain; and

7 WHEREAS, he made school history, hitting the first home run out of the "old" Pepperell  
8 baseball field and helping the Dragons sweep the regular season and district games to  
9 outscore their opponents 99-15 and capture the hotly contested state title; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduation, he signed with the Cincinnati Reds, remaining with that  
11 organization until 1959, after which he continued his success as a pitcher with the Rome  
12 Loan Exchange baseball team and then the Elliott Sales softball team, winning nine District  
13 Championships and the 1964 State Championship; and

14 WHEREAS, he served for over 32 years as an ASA umpire and was inducted into the  
15 Umpire's Hall of Fame in 2004 and has been a formidable opponent in area golf tournaments,  
16 earning Club Champion status and numerous "hole in one" honors; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1995, he began coaching "Behind the Levee" baseball and has guided  
18 numerous teams to district, state, and World Series tournaments; and

19 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2005, this local sports legend was inducted into the Rome-Floyd  
20 Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his many outstanding achievements.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES the  
2 members of this body join in recognizing Jim Yarbrough and commend his outstanding  
3 dedication to his sport and the many athletes he has inspired as an umpire and coach.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jim Yarbrough.